

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new sentence after the sentence beginning on page 1, line 1.

The present invention is related to commonly owned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/774,439 entitled "Unsolicited Electronic Mail Reduction".

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 13:

Fig. 5F is a flow diagram of yet another embodiment of a message processing method;

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Referring next to Fig. 5F, an embodiment of a message processing method is shown. This embodiment is a hybrid of the methods in Figs. 5B and 5E where steps 520 and 524 from Fig. 5B are added to Fig. 5E to create Fig. 5F. After step 512 in Fig. 5F, the determination that the message is solicited can be refuted in step 520 before processing proceeds to step 516. After step 516, the determination that the message is unsolicited can be refuted in step 524 before processing continues back to step 512.